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USDOC FOR 532/OEA/MNICKSON /DMUSLU USDOC FOR 3132 FOR FCS/OIO REGIONAL DIRECTOR WILLIAM ZARIT BICE FOR OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INVESTIGATIONS SINGAPORE FOR FCS

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SUBJECT: EXTRANCHECK: POST SHIPMENT VERIFICATION: ACETONE SOLUTIONS REF: A) USDOC 02451

- 1.Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.
- 12. As per reftel A request and at the direction of the Office of Enforcement Analysis (OEA) of the USDOC Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Regional Export Control Officer Philip Ankel (ECO) conducted a post shipment-verification (PSV) of Acetone Solutions, Glendale Park, #02-12, Singapore (Acetone). The item in question is one gyrostabilized camera exported to AceTone on or about November 21, 2007 and valued at USD 4,950. The item is classified under Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 7B994 and is controlled for anti-terrorism (AT) reasons. The exporter was Cloud Cap Technology of Hood River, Oregon.
- $\P 3$. A review of the company's web site (www.acetone-solutions.com) reveals that the company is primarily a reseller of various electronics products. It is not registered as a corporate entity with the Singapore companies registry.
- $\underline{\ }$ 4. On April 22, 2008, the ECO, accompanied by a representative of Singapore Customs, met with Mr. Quentin Goh, owner of Acetone. The meeting occurred at the United States Embassy. Mr. Goh had requested not to meet at the business address of the company as it is a home based business and Mr. Goh indicated he did not wish to meet in his home. Mr. Goh stated that he runs the company as a sole proprietorship and that he is a one-man show. He operates primarily as a sourcing company and reseller of various products. His customers are primarily Singapore research institutes and so-called A-Star entities. A-Star is the Singapore government Agency for Science Technology and Research. Acetone is the exclusive representative of some companies and a reseller for some other companies (such as Cloud Cap). Acetone reexports very few items (to date, only to Australia).
- $\underline{\mathbf{1}}$ 5. As to the particular item in question, Mr. Goh stated that this item was procured on behalf of Nayang Technological University in response to a public RFQ from the Univrsity. Mr. Goh provided documentation confirmin receipt of the item and delivery to Nayang Techological University on November 28, 2008. ECO alsoreviewed P.O. NTU000EP007010981 from Nanyang Tecnological University. All the documents were cosistent with the information orally provided by r. Goh.
- 16. At the time visited, Acetone appeard to be a suitable recipient of the commodities shipped since Acetone cooperated with the PSV, provided ECO with access to documents showing final disposition of the items and operates a line of business consistent with the use of the items. Also, Acetone was informed of applicable export control rules (especially those relating to reexports to sanctioned countries) and indicated its intent to comply with them.